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FALL 2011 STTI 41ST BIENNIAL CONVENTION

By: Alison Riggs
President, Iota Sigma Theta Tau

The 41st Biennial Convention of Sigma Theta Tau International was held in Grapevine, Texas from October 29 to November 2, 2011. This year's theme was "People and Knowledge: Connecting to Global Health" and there were about 2000 nurses who came from 36 countries around the world. Over the course of the convention there were many presentations – oral, symposia and posters to further our professional development. Over 400 chapters met at the House of Delegates to vote on new Board members and conduct the business of the organization.



Iota Sigma was fortunate to have a fine contingent of members along including Marilyn Klakovich, Kathleen Taylor, Pam Cone and Erin Warner our Board student intern. Jennifer Ewell, president elect, and Alison Riggs, president, were the chapter delegates. Karen Morin,

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president of STTI, gave the opening plenary address and from then on the days were filled with many valuable sessions and we were able to attend a variety of them among the group. The topics varied but represented many research projects, evidence based practices, global health updates and chapter support.



Iota Sigma was proud to be given the Chapter Key Award at a ceremony headed by Karen Morin and Patricia Thompson, STTI CEO. This is the fourth time that we have achieved this award. Besides the meetings the IS group had time to explore and experience the very large and complete Gaylord Resort as well as some of the surrounding area of Grapevine, Dallas and Fort Worth and enjoy the company of many of the attendees. Our Region 2 group had a dinner out at a Texas barbecue restaurant where the company was great and some of us experienced deep fried pickles for the first time!!

The new president of STTI was sworn in and she is Suzanne Prevost who will assume the office for the next two years. The new president-elect is Hester Klopper, from South Africa. Those of us who attended this convention felt fortunate to be among so many knowledgeable and scholarly nurse leaders and hope to return to the chapter with renewed ideas and enthusiasm so all our members will benefit.

COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING: A STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

BY: ERIN WARNER

IOTA SIGMA STUDENT LEADERSHIP INTERN

To be honest, before I began my community health rotation at Azusa Pacific University, I really had no idea as to role of a public health nurse in the community. I was surprised to discover just how vast the role of a public health nurse is, from working in schools to homes to faith communities. My clinical placement for this rotation is with the Newborn Follow-Up Program, jointly offered by the Center for Integrated Family and Health Services and Azusa Pacific University, School of Nursing. As students, we visit the homes of families with infants who have been discharged from the hospital or NICU with special needs, up until the child's second year of life. We provide information on feeding and infant care, assess the child's development, take the child's measurements and provide referrals to community services. We are there as a source of guidance and support to the families. Students also complete a Community Health Project in which we assess the community and provide an intervention based on a community need. The various projects for the Newborn Follow-Up Program focus on teaching and providing the parents with essential information about dental care, immunizations, and nutrition for their children.

Community health nursing has required a drastic change in my perception of nursing. I used to think that being a nurse meant taking care of a patient in a hospital bed. In community health nursing, a nurse goes into the patient's environment. We actively reach out to them. I love this aspect of community health nursing, along with its emphasis on primary prevention and the viewing of the client as an equal partner. I am learning just how much influence the communities in which we live have on our health and well-being. This is why it is so essential that as nurses we promote the health of our community.

Iota Sigma Fall Induction Ceremony

It is that time of year again, the Iota Sigma Fall Induction Ceremony. The induction of eligible students and community members is always a special and honored time of reflection. The details are as follows:

When: December 16, 2011

Arrival Time: 7:30 am

Time: 7:45 am to 8:30 am

Welcome and Continental Breakfast

830 am - 10:30 am Induction ceremony

Location: East Campus - Upper Turner Campus Center

Cost: \$30 per person (Inductees and guests)

Mark your calendars now!

Inductees RSVP through your personalized Sigma Theta Tau International email invitation

Iota Sigma members, community preceptors, community members welcome!

Check your email for the Fall Induction Flyer/RSVP!

**Questions: Patricia Perry MSN, RN, CNS, CNE,
Vice President - Iota Sigma Chapter**

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VILLAGE NETWORK BY: DR. ANITA BOLING IOTA SIGMA THETA TAU MEMBER

Founded in 2007 by Iota Sigma member Dr. Anita Boling, Village Network Africa (ViNA) is a registered US nonprofit committed to fighting rural poverty in Africa. More than two-thirds of Africa's poor are subsistence farmers in rural areas living on less than 50 cents a day. In these remote locations, villagers have very limited or no access to basic services. ViNA seeks to help those villages that are outside the current scope of other assistance.

ViNA's genesis began years before with Dr. Anita Boling and her husband Dr. Eugene Boling's dream to perform health missionary work in Africa. Instead, four children and busy careers led the couple to contribute financially to missionaries in Africa rather than working on the ground. The dream of missionary work was reignited in 2006 when Dr. Boling became Associate Dean of Nursing at Cal Baptist University and worked with Dr. John Crabtree, the new Dean of Global Initiatives, to win university approval for the first medical mission to Rwanda with the inaugural class of CBU nursing students. Dr. Boling's trip planning was short-circuited by the sudden death of her husband. After a few months, she felt led by God to reconsider her work and under the inspiration of a Rwandan missionary began ViNA.

Village Network Africa works collaboratively with village communities, government agencies, and partner organizations to develop sustainable solutions for improved health, nutrition, infrastructure, education and economic/social conditions. Kyabasaija, Uganda was the first village to benefit from ViNA's efforts. A needs assessment with the local leaders of a community based organization (CBO) led to identifying the priorities of water, economic development, health training, and education. A vocational/technical school was built, furnished and faculty hired to assist orphans and other impoverished youth to develop a livelihood beyond subsistence farming. An on the ground coordinator paid by ViNA taught agriculture, animal husbandry, and assisted ViNA and Rotary Clubs with building 18 wells in the villages and latrines at the two primary schools. Animal scientists and agronomists worked with ViNA to advance current practices to more modern techniques. 18 local leaders elected by villagers to become Community Health Club (CHC) leaders were trained to teach health promotion/disease prevention.

After three years in Uganda, the efforts are deemed sustainable as the community is continuing all programs on their own or with help from their government. ViNA then moved to the rural Terrat Ward, Arusha District, in the United Republic of Tanzania. Dr. Boling's initial foray into Tanzania was to explore a partnership with the Sisters of Notre Dame in Njiro, Tanzania for introduction to village leaders and other local stakeholders in the rural villages. The second trip further developed village relationships and plans were established based on a needs assessment with the local village leaders and the CBO.

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In September, Dr. Boling completed her third trip to Tanzania to implement the current projects of health teaching, check dam construction, erosion control, and economic empowerment of women. Dr. Sara Asad (physician) and Christopher Oakley (MPH/MBA student at CGU) conducted training of health club leaders while Dr. Mary Gauvain (Professor of Developmental Psychology at UCR), and Heidi Beebe (UCR doctoral student in developmental psychology) conducted research on understanding current perceptions of contamination by children and adult villagers. Initially, the health team surveyed homes of over ninety families to assess health and hygiene practices. The assessment tool uses observable indicators with Likert scale ratings to assess food storage techniques, kitchen hygiene, water source and use, and toileting practices (e.g. latrine presence or absence) among other things. The findings indicate that water and kitchen hygiene practices are poor. The information will provide a baseline measurement from which to evaluate the contribution of health training by the CHC leaders in the villages.

Africa AHEAD is the model used by ViNA for the training of the CHC leaders. The program was founded in 1994 by Juliet Waterkeyn, a Zimbabwean interested in leveraging existing community strengths for rural African development. Waterkeyn's research led to the Community Health Club (CHC) concept, whereby regular community level meetings, facilitated by Africa AHEAD, help to focus the community's attention on issues of health and hygiene. Over time, the community's health focus generates projects such as latrine construction that enable the community to improve its health and hygiene.

The ViNA team then conducted a weeklong Africa AHEAD seminar. Participants included a male and female from each sub-village in Mkonoo, Terrat Ward. A graduation ceremony followed and ViNA presented certificates and bikes donated by our partner Wheels for Life to facilitate their transportation. Our next trip is planned for late January 2012 through the first two weeks in February. ViNA plans to train villagers in Nadasoito and Terrat villages. Interested volunteers are welcome to ViNA about joining the teaching team this winter (summer in Tanzania!). Contact is through the ViNA website at www.vnafrica.org

Other programs for the next trip include installation of solar panels at the secondary school by a graduate student at Cal Poly Pomona to facilitate computer and science training and water programs. Small dams will be installed with the assistance of student members of the Engineers without Borders Club at Cal Poly to abate the severe erosion and drought conditions. Two rainy seasons bring an abundance of water, but the water is not captured and takes away the topsoil. ViNA contracts with local businesses to build check dams to control rainwater and rain catchment systems to harvest and filter rainwater for storage in tanks for the dry seasons. ViNA will continue to provide animals to villagers, and stem erosion through tree planting with partner Trees for the Future. Economic empowerment of Maasai women is ViNA's fourth ongoing project. Hand-crafted items such as jewelry, dyed fabric, and artwork are purchased by ViNA from the village women and brought home to the United States to sell. Sale proceeds are used to supplement other donations to directly support all ViNA projects for the villages.

Current stateside activities have been inclusion in Village Venture in Claremont last month and a trip by Dr. Boling to lecture to the Global Health graduate students at New York University. During the trip, Dr.

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Boling was able to find volunteers for Swahili translation of Africa AHEAD materials for the villagers and met with Dr. Waterkeyn who by God's grace was in New York prior to her flight back to Africa. ViNA continues to thrive through the contributions of our many volunteers, partners and donations! ViNA's own Iota Sigma volunteers include Dr. Rose Liegler (trustee and head of the health committee with husband Dr. Don Liegler) and Dr. Connie Brehm (advisory board and health committee member). Without the assistance of these compassionate people and organizations, impoverished villagers from our sites in Uganda and Tanzania would continue to suffer water borne diseases and the lack of much that we take for granted daily.



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ODYSSEY 2011 CONFERENCE: “NURSING IN TRANSITION: A CALL TO ACTION”

BY: MARILYN KLAKOVICH

LEADERSHIP SUCCESSION CHAIR

ODYSSEY PLANNING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Iota Sigma and the School of Nursing were well represented at the October 20 & 21, 2011 conference held at the Sheraton Cerritos. APU School of Nursing faculty, alumni and Iota Sigma members were among the students and nurses who attended. Several of our members volunteered at the conference as abstract reviewers and poster judges, and many of our members presented as well.

Attendees enjoyed the opening presentation by our keynote speaker on day 1, Gwen Sherwood, PhD RN FAAN, Vice President of STTI from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who spoke about *“Forging a New Mindset in Quality and Safety: A Call to Action.”* According to Ellen D’Errico, Odyssey Planning Committee representative from Gamma Alpha, “Sherwood discussed the need to improve patient care outcomes by instituting new educational paradigms emphasizing the use of teamwork and collaboration to deliver patient-centered care. Nursing care needs to be evidenced-based by applying continuous quality improvement strategies from a safety systems perspective, with increased use of informatics for documentation and decision support.”

The day 2 keynote address was delivered by Louise Selanders, RN, EdD, FAAN, Professor, Michigan State University spoke about *“Nursing’s Call to Action: Heeding Nightingale’s Enduring Message.”* D’Errico noted: “Selanders is an internationally recognized nurse historian (one of five Nightingale Scholars in the world) who passionately believes that the history of nursing offers answers to current and future issues of nursing education, practice and research. She seeks to accurately identify the contributions of Florence Nightingale in the areas of nursing theory, leadership, and the philosophical development of the profession. Her address kept the audience spellbound.”

Each day ended with a special presentation speaker (Jennifer Roberts, MSW, LCSW who presented on the Women Veterans Program and our own Trish Hanes, who presented on Topics on the Future of Nursing).

A new highlight this year was a book fair featuring books published by STTI. In addition, a book signing showcased keynote speaker Gwen Sherwood who signed copies of *“The International Textbook of Reflective Practice in Nursing.”* In addition, the conference planning committee provided exhibit space to Bare Root, Inc. so they could raise funds for the first nursing float to be presented in the 2013 Rose Parade, the year that Iota Sigma member Sally Bixby will be the first nurse and only the second woman to serve as the President of the Tournament of Roses. Exhibit space was also provided to the California Constituent League of the National League for Nursing. Trish Hanes, President, and Marilyn Klakovich, Secretary are Iota Sigma members on the board of the California organization and shared membership information and future plans.

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Iota Sigma Podium Presenters included:

Felicitas dela Cruz, Shirley Farr, Marilyn Klakovich, Phyllis Esslinger: *Extreme Makeover: The Merger of Two Second Career Programs*

Patricia Frohock Hanes: *The Modified Mixer as a Formative Assessment Strategy*

Patricia Perry, Melinda Dicken, Cheryl Boyd, Linda Hansen-Kyle, Anna Marie Hefner: *Student Perceptions of Simulation: A Qualitative Evaluation*

Iota Sigma Poster Presenters Included:

Patricia Frohock Hanes: *Fostering Higher-Order Thinking Through Classroom Debate (3rd Place Innovative Category)*

Rosemary Mwangi: *Kenyan women living with HIV/AIDS: A mixed method study*

Karen Purugganan and Ofelia Layugan: *Leadership Academy at Citrus Valley Health Partners (2nd Place Innovative Category)*

Congratulations to Iota Sigma poster award winners. See photo below.

As in previous years, Iota Sigma co-sponsored this conference along with 12 other STTI chapters representing a total of 15 schools of nursing in southern California. Representatives on the planning committee for our chapter included President, Alison Riggs and Marilyn Klakovich, Past President.

See the Save the Date for our 2012 Odyssey included in this newsletter. The conferences get better each year, and we hope that our chapter and school of nursing are again represented so well!



*Karen Purugganan (center)
and Patricia Hanes (right):
Poster Winners for Iota Sigma*

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*Iota Sigma Planning Committee Members:
Marilyn Klakovich (left) & Alison Riggs (right) with
Planning Committee Chair Rose Welch (center)*



*Gwen Sherwood,
Keynote Speaker at Book Signing*



*APU PhD Students and Iota Sigma Members
Carol & Carolyn Bloch (right and left)
with Director of APU PhD Program:
Vivien Dee*

2013 NURSES FLOAT PROJECT BY: KATHY VAN ALLEN AND LIDIA PUSNIK IOTA SIGMA THETA TAU MEMBERS



On October 12, 2011, Iota Sigma members Lourdes Salandanan, Lidia Pusnik, Kathy Van Allen, Kathie Taylor, Katie Skelton, and Marilyn Klakovich were among several groups who attended a VIP reception for the 2013 Nurses Float Project at the Rosemont Pavilion in Pasadena. The event was hosted by Iota Sigma member Sally Bixby and the Board of Directors (all nurses) of Bare Root Inc., a non-profit organization that was created for the sole purpose of fundraising to design and build a Nurses Float for the 2013 Rose Parade.

Sally Bixby has been a volunteer member of the Tournament of Roses® since 1989 and is currently the Tournament of Roses® Executive Vice President. She is the first registered nurse to hold such a position and will serve her term as President for the 2013 Rose Parade and 99th Rose Bowl Game. With Sally's upcoming presidency, the nursing profession will have a once in a lifetime opportunity to honor and recognize contributions that nurses have made to the lives of patients and to the health of our communities by having a Float representing the nursing profession in the 2013 Rose Parade.

Though the design of the 2013 Nurses Float remains to be seen, we were able to preview several floats built by the Phoenix Decorating Company for the upcoming 2012 Rose Parade. As we toured the large warehouse, we were able to learn some interesting facts about float building and the Rose Parade. For example, framework for the float structure is composed of steel supports that are welded to the chassis and then covered by wire screen to make up the shape of the float. It is then sprayed with polyvinyl liquid, a process known as cocooning which hardens to make the shell. The shell is then painted to match the colors of the flowers which are added last. Floral media are added based on their expected blooming time so that all petals are open during the parade and exuding brilliant, rich colors that make each float look full of life. This is the last phase of the float building process as well as the most fun for volunteer decorators. It is no wonder that the average float uses 10,000 pounds of flowers and takes about 6,500 man-hours to decorate. If it rains during the parade, the float structure will triple in weight. Specifications require that all floats must be less than 17 feet tall to fit under a concrete bridge towards the end of the parade route. Floats taller than 17 feet must be equipped with hydraulics to be able to collapse in less than 25 seconds to fit under the bridge without delaying the parade. The parade route extends 5.5 miles down Colorado Boulevard passing through Old Town Pasadena. And yes, there is a

2013 NURSES FLOAT PROJECT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

driver inside of all that bulk, whose visual field consists of a very narrow window covered with screen. The Rose Parade is never held on Sunday to respect the day of worship and rest. This is a tradition that goes back more than a hundred years...so, if New Years Day falls on a Sunday, the parade is held on Monday, January 2nd.

Don't worry, you won't be tested on any of this. By now though, you must be wondering about the cost of a Rose Parade float? The nursing community is striving to raise \$300,000 to build and decorate our very first Nurse's Float for the 2013 Rose Parade. With everyone's help together we can give recognition and acknowledgement where it is deserved. Please help to support this effort by making a donation to towards the building and decorating of the Nurse's Float. With the upcoming holiday, consider making a donation in honor of a nurse. E-cards are available on the website to send to the person being honored and to inform them of the donation made in their name. For more information and to send that special gift, please visit www.flowers4thefloat.org.



*Iota Sigma Board Members, Kathy Van Allen, Lourdes Salandanan and Lidia Pusnik
at the Rose Float Reception in Pasadena*

ANNOUNCING THE PHYLLIS ESSLINGER ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Professor Phyllis has been involved in her nursing career in Southern California for more than four decades, and is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau International – Iota Sigma Chapter. She has been faculty at Azusa Pacific University for over 30 years, now as Professor Emeritus, and was an original faculty member for the inception of the APU School of Nursing where she serves as Director of Recruitment.

After the turn of this century, Esslinger began the quest for historical facts and artifacts related to nursing in Southern California, and eventually, she formed the Western Conservancy of Nursing History, an organization dedicated to preserving and publicizing the history of nursing in the Western Region of the United States. A beautiful panel depicting the history of nursing in California from the 1800s to present is history can be found in the lobby of the nursing building on West Campus.

The Phyllis Esslinger Endowment Scholarship is offered once a year to a student who applies for and is chosen through the selection process set up by the Iota Sigma Board. A recipient must complete the application and choose one of three options to full his/her obligation to the Chapter:

- 1) Write a scholarly paper on a California Nurse to add to the History of CA Nursing binder on nurses trained in this state who have made a significant impact on the profession.
- 2) Locate and facilitate the acquisition of a contribution to the Collection that is being gathered for a future museum of CA Nursing History.
- 3) Spend at least 30 hours as a Heritage Intern working for the Western Conservancy of Nursing History.

Application Deadline is December 12, 2011

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

PRESENTATIONS

Two papers written by Dr. Felicitas A. dela Cruz, Ms. Shirley M. Farr, Dr. Marilyn D. Klakovich, and Ms. Phyllis Esslinger, School of Nursing, were presented at a regional and a national conference.

dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S.M., Klakovich, M.D., & Esslinger, P. (2011, October). *Extreme makeover: The merger of two second career programs*. Paper presented at the 16th Joint Southern California Sigma Theta Tau International Chapters Nursing Odyssey Conference. Cerritos, CA.

dela Cruz, F.A., Farr, S.M., Klakovich, M.D., & Esslinger, P. (2011, October). *Initiatives for enhancing cultural self-efficacy of entry level master's (ELM) students*. Paper presented at the 37th annual conference of the Transcultural Nursing Society. Las Vegas, NV



A paper written by Dr. Marilyn D. Klakovich, School of Nursing, and colleagues was presented at an international conference.

Klakovich, M.D., Carlson, E., Delack, S.J., Hittle, K., Roche-Dean, M., Stewart, M., Brocious, S.K., & Jumaa, M.O. (2011, October). *Leadership challenges: Capitalizing on distance and diversity*. Paper presented at the 41st biennial convention of Sigma Theta Tau International. Grapevine, TX.



A presentation prepared by Dr. Annie P. Odell, School of Nursing, was given at a national conference.

Odell, A.P. (2011, November). *Connections and Hawaiian culture: Evaluators as boundary spanners*. Presentation at the annual conference of the American Evaluation Association. Anaheim, CA.



A paper written by Ms. Jane Pfeiffer, School of Nursing, was presented at an international conference.

Pfeiffer, J. (2011, November). *The concealed and revealed: Faculty/Student spiritual growth and integration of faith during nursing school*. The European Nursing Student Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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A paper written by Dr. Leslie Van Dover, School of Nursing, and Ms. Shannon Fernando, Graduate Student, was shared in an international conference for students.

Van Dover, L., & Fernando, S. (2011, November). How can scholarly research influence clinical practice? Paper presented at the fifth bi-annual student conference, Spiritual Care and Health Professions: Context and Practice. Departments of Health Care of Reformed University of Applied Sciences, Zwolle Christian University of Applied Sciences, Ede InHolland University, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

ARTICLES

An article written by Dr. Felicitas A. dela Cruz and Marie Fongwa, School of Nursing, and colleagues was published in a journal.

Clark, L., Calvillo, E., **dela Cruz, F.A., Fongwa, M.,** Kools, S., Lowe, J., & Mastel-Smith, B. (2011, May). Cultural competencies for graduate nursing education. *Journal of Professional Nursing*, 27(3), 133-139.

The journal is the official organ of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.


AWARD

A dual award was bestowed to Dr. Felicitas dela Cruz, School of Nursing.

dela Cruz, F. (2011, September). *2011 Distinguished Alumni in Nursing Research and Nursing Education* [dual award]. Presented at the annual convention of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of America (UPAAA). Jacksonville, FL.

“Nominations for the different fields--Nursing, Medicine, Engineering, Education, Natural Sciences, etc.--came from UP alumni working and residing in the United States.”

COMMUNITY CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



Due Date:
2/29/2012

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International Iota Sigma Chapter and Azusa Pacific University 8th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium

**“Nursing’s Role in Symptom Management Across the Lifespan”
Thursday, April 12, 2012
8:30am – 2:30pm**

The Iota Sigma Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International invites you to submit an abstract for a podium or poster presentation for the 8th Annual Research Symposium, cosponsored by the Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing.

“Nursing’s Role in Symptom Management Across the Lifespan” is the focus of our Research Day. Our special keynote speakers are:

- **Patricia Davidson, PhD, MEd, BA, RN**
Director of the Cardiovascular and Chronic Care Centre at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia
- **Francine Kaufman, MD**
Director of the Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles

The goals for the Symposium are:

- Provide an avenue for dissemination of evidence-based research and linkages to clinical applications;
- Utilize researchers as role models to encourage excellence in students and colleagues;
- Provide networking opportunities and promote collegiality among students and nursing professionals;
- Provide a forum for students and nurses in the community to present their work.

We welcome abstracts for a poster presentation from practicing nurses, advance practice nurses, and Alumni on innovative and practical ideas in clinical practice, research, education, and administration that can be used in a variety of settings to include primary care, hospital, community clinic, school-based clinic, home, military, and healthcare industry.

Abstracts for podium presentation must be research-focused and related to the conference theme. Individuals and/or groups of healthcare professionals can submit an abstract. Please review the submission guidelines attached.

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8th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium

Community Call for Abstracts Submission Guidelines

Please include the following information:

- Presenter Information
 - o Name and e-mail for each presenter
 - o Current employment and position
 - o Member of STTI? If yes, please identify the Chapter

- Poster presentation
 - o Three types of posters can be submitted: Research, Innovative Practice, and Web of Knowledge/Literature Review
 - o Instructions for poster content and judging criteria are attached

- Podium presentation
 - o Please review the focus of the Research Symposium as well as the goals outlined

- Abstracts content

Abstracts should fit on one (1) page, one-inch margins on all sides, single-spaced with approximately 300 words. Please use Times New Roman 12-point font. We recommend a structured format with the following headings:

 - o Background
 - o Purpose
 - o Methods
 - o Results
 - o Conclusions/Implications

Please apply by February 29, 2012.

Notification of acceptance will be provided by March 4, 2012.

Please e-mail your Community Abstract to Marilyn Klakovich, DNSc., RN, NEA-BC; Director of Continuing Education, Azusa Pacific University School of Nursing, Leadership Succession Chair & Past President, Iota Sigma Chapter, Co-chair Research Symposium Planning Subcommittee, mklakovich@apu.edu

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8th Annual School of Nursing Research Symposium

Community Call for Abstracts Submission Guidelines

Three types of posters can be submitted: Research, Innovative Practice, and Web of Knowledge/Literature Review

The Iota Sigma Chapter Research Committee will judge the posters based on the following criteria:

1. Overall Appearance
2. Content

*** The top scoring posters will receive a recognition award!**

Criteria for Poster Judging

Overall appearance (all categories)

- Poster attracts and hold viewer's attention
- Poster appears free of unnecessary detail
- Appropriate use of white space to avoid crowding
- Print visible from 4 to 5 feet
- Poster free of spelling/grammatical errors
- Content logically organized
- Content clearly written/easy to understand

Content

1. Research Poster

- o Problem/background clearly stated
- o Purpose/aim of the study clearly stated
- o Sample or population clearly identified
- o Research design described
- o Variables investigated (if quantitative) clearly identified
- o Instrument(s) or data analysis procedures described
- o Major findings, conclusions, and recommendations summarized succinctly for completed research
- o Implications/significance for nursing described

2. Innovative Practice Poster

- o Problem/background clearly stated
- o Purpose/aim of the project clearly stated
- o Target population to be affected described
- o Implementation process clearly described
- o Resulting change summarized succinctly for completed innovations
- o Implications/significance for nursing described

3. Web of Knowledge/Literature Review Poster

- o Topic of interest or problem statement clearly stated
- o Articles current and relevant
- o The information gathered synthesized and evaluated
- o The key findings identified
- o Implications/significance for nursing described

SAVE THE DATE!

THE 8TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF NURSING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM:

“NURSING’S ROLE IN SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT
ACROSS THE LIFESPAN”

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH
8:30AM–2:30PM

AT AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
FELIX EVENT CENTER

SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

PATRICIA DAVIDSON, PHD, RN

*DIRECTOR OF THE CARDIOVASCULAR AND CHRONIC CARE CENTRE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA*

FRANCINE KAUFMAN, MD

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY, DIABETES AND METABOLISM

Save the Date



Odyssey 2012

Where: Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Ontario Airport
222 North Vineyard Avenue
Ontario, CA, 91764-4431

When: Thursday, November 1, 2012
Friday, November 2, 2012

Who: Joint Southern California STTI
Chapters' Conference

2011-2012 IOTA SIGMA CALENDAR

		DECEMBER '11						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
12	Board Meeting					1	2	3
16	Induction / Pinning	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
19-30	Winter Break	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31

		JANUARY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	New Year's Day
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9	Board Meeting
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	M.L. King Jr. Day
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		29	30	31						

		FEBRUARY '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
13	Information Meeting & Freshman Welcome + Board Meeting				1	2	3	4
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
20	Presidents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29			

		MARCH '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
						1	2	3	11	Daylight Savings Time Begins
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	Board Meeting
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
		25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

		APRIL '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
2-6	Spring Break	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Easter	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9	Board Meeting	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12	Research Day & Symposium	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	Annual Meeting	29	30					
	Spring induction							

		MAY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
				1	2	3	4	5	4	Pinning
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Board Meeting
		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	28	Memorial Day
		20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
		27	28	29	30	31				

		JUNE '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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		3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		24	25	26	27	28	29	30

TBD Transition Meeting

		JULY '12								
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4	Independence Day
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	30-31	INRC, Brisbane, Australia
		15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
		29	30	31						

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		AUGUST '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2	3	4
20	ELM Mentorship Dinner TBD	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1-3	INRC, Brisbane, Australia	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	

		SEPTEMBER '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
								1
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Labor Day	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10	Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		30						

		OCTOBER '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4	5	6
8	Board Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		28	29	30	31			

		NOVEMBER '12						
		S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
						1	2	3
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1-2	Odyssey Conference Ontario, CA	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
11	Veterans Day	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
12	Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30	
16	Career Fair							
22-23	Thanksgiving Break							